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To: Delta Protection Commission
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Subject: Prop 204 and Federal Category III Ecosystem Restoration Projects (CALFED), 1997-1998

This memo provides information on the status of each of the 17 projects, reviewed by the Delta Protection Commission at its July 23, 1998 meeting, which were approved for funding in the first two rounds of CALFED's proposal solicitations (1997 and early 1998).

Effects of Wetland Restoration on the Production of Methyl Mercury in the San Francisco Bay-Delta System (D274)

STATUS: The applicant was awarded \$546,171 to complete this project. The contract was signed by the Resources Agency and sent to the Department of General Services on 8/27/98.

Pilot Study: Delta Toxicity Monitoring Project (D264)

STATUS: \$100,000 in funding has been approved by the CALFED agencies for the baseline water quality monitoring; the applicant has also received a \$20,000 grant from U.S. EPA. Staff is waiting for the revised scope; it should be submitted on 8/31/98.

Role of Contaminants in the Decline of Delta Smelt in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Estuary (E6)

STATUS: \$437,000 in funding has been approved by the CALFED agencies (no cost share proposed). CALFED staff is still waiting for the revised scope of the project.

Culture of Delta Smelt at Delta Site, in Support of Environmental Studies and Restoration

STATUS: \$194,870 has been approved by the CALFED agencies for the first year of this project. The contract was signed by the Resources Agency and sent to Department of General Services on 8/27/98

Assessing Impacts of Selenium On Restoration of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Ecosystem (B103)

STATUS: The full requested amount of \$1,588,709 has been approved by CALFED agencies for the three-year study. A contract for \$517,000 was executed on 3/6/98; a contract for \$883,000 was sent to the applicant for signature on 5/7/98. To date, there has been no change.

Sedimentation in the Delta and Suisun Bay (D283)

STATUS: The total funding for this project will be \$1,046,200. A contract for \$587,000 was executed 3/16/98; the contract for \$460,000 was executed 5/21/98.

Fish Screen Feasibility Study (Phase 1) - Hastings Tract (A314)

STATUS: The full requested amount of \$27,000 has been approved by the CALFED agencies (no cost share proposed) for the study. The contract is still being negotiated.

Cache Slough Shaded Riverine Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project (M315)

STATUS: \$85,000 has been approved by CALFED agencies for the completion of Phase I. The contract was executed 6/2/98.

Demonstration Project for Protection and Enhancement of In-Channel Islands (K185)

STATUS: \$270,270 in funding has been approved by the CALFED agencies. The work group will contribute \$91,000 in direct costs and in-kind services. The contractor has signed the contract, and notice to proceed was given on 7/16/98. The RFQ is being prepared.

Mokelumne River Setback Levee and Habitat Enhancement Project (H304)

STATUS: \$365,000 in funding has been approved by CALFED agencies. NOTE: This project is on hold as the Nature Conservancy negotiates to buy McCormack-Williamson Tract (see "*Cosumnes River Floodplain Acquisitions & Management*").

A Learning Laboratory for Restoring Subsidized Lands in the Delta: Phase 1 (Twitchell Island Restoration) (K250)

STATUS: \$3,583,000 has been approved by CALFED agencies. The contract was sent to the legal department for review on 8/26/98.

Restoring Ecosystem Integrity in the Northwest Delta (Jepson Prairie Restoration (K109))

STATUS: \$244,801 in funding was approved by the CALFED agencies. The applicant will jointly fund the cost of the project coordinator and will also provide volunteer labor. Staff is still waiting for the revised scope. Proponents were reminded via conference call on 8/27/98.

Tyler Island Levee Protection and Habitat Restoration Plan (K38)

STATUS: \$885,202 has been approved by CALFED agencies; the project does not include cost-sharing. The contract should be signed by mid-July. The contract was sent to the contractor for signature on 7/16/98; comments on the subcontract were sent 8/14/98. According to Dr. Jeffery Hart, the contract funds have been received and he has begun work on this project.

Franks Tract State Recreation Area Wetlands Habitat Restoration (K216)

STATUS: \$231,500 in funding has been approved by CALFED agencies for the joint proposal among Moffat & Nichol Engineers, DPR, and DWR. Cost sharing includes the

\$350,000 previously spent by DPR for the planning and preliminary engineering, and approximately \$20,000 of in-kind services to be contributed by DWR. The contract is ready for signature except for the issue about indemnification language; to date, there has been no change.

Prospect Island Levee Repair

STATUS: This proposal was reviewed outside of the normal solicitation process. The request was brought to CALFED management and various workgroups, including the Ecosystem Round Table. The entire \$2,000,000 was approved at CALFED's 8/19/98 Management Team meeting.

Liberty Island Acquisition (K207)

STATUS: \$8,577,000 in funding was approved by CALFED agencies for acquisition; the contract for this project was executed 3/11/98.

Cosumnes River Floodplain Acquisitions and Management (H307)

STATUS: \$6,975,100 in funding has been approved by CALFED agencies. The acquisition portion of this grant was moved to federal funds (US Bureau of Reclamation, in the amount of \$3,400,000) on 6/8/98. The revised scope was submitted on 7/10/98. According to Mike Eaton, The Nature Conservancy has acquired the properties.